

COEFFICIENTS (WEIGHTS) FOR THE MEASURES INCLUDED IN THE PERMANENCY-RELATED DATA COMPOSITES

Composites and Measures	Components and Weights		
	Component A	Component B	Component C
Permanency Composite 1: Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification	Timeliness of Reunification	Permanency of Reunification	Not Applicable
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2004 who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were reunified in less than 12 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	0.460	0.086	
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2004 who had been in foster care for 8 days or longer, what was the median length of stay (in months) from the date of the most recent entry into foster care until the date of reunification? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	0.445	0.066	
Of all children entering foster care for the first time in the second 6 months of FY 2003 who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to reunification in less than 12 months from the date of the first entry into foster care? (This includes the “trial home visit adjustment.”)	0.302	-0.006	
Of all children discharged from foster care to reunification in FY 2003, what percent re-entered foster care in less than 12 months from the date of discharge?	0.127	1.024	
Permanency Composite 2: Timeliness of Adoptions	Length of time in foster care to adoption	Progress toward adoption - children in foster care for 17 months or longer	Timeliness of adoptions for children who are legally free
Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in FY 2004, what percent were discharged in less than 24 months from the date of the most recent entry into foster care?	0.536	-0.040	-0.024
Of all children who were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in FY 2004, what was the median length of stay in foster care (in months) from the date of the most recent entry into foster care to the date of discharge?	0.553	0.110	-0.033
Of all children in foster care on the first day of FY 2004 who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption before the end of the fiscal year?	-0.099	0.520	0.281
Of all children in foster care on the first day of FY 2004 who were in foster care for 17 continuous months or longer, what percent became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) in less than 6 months from the beginning of the fiscal year?	0.140	0.712	-0.264
Of all children who became legally free for adoption (i.e., a termination of parental rights was granted for each living parent) during FY 2003, what percent were discharged from foster care to a finalized adoption in less than 12 months of becoming legally free?	-0.025	-0.066	0.919

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Permanency Composite 3: Achieving permanency for children in foster care for long periods of time	Children exiting to permanent homes	Children exiting to emancipation	Not applicable to this composite
Of all children who were discharged from foster care in FY 2004 and were legally free for adoption (i.e., there was a termination of parental rights for each living parent), what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18 th birthday? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).	0.432	0.320	
Of all children in foster care for 24 months or longer on the first day of FY 2004, what percent were discharged to a permanent home prior to their 18 th birthday and by the end of the fiscal year? A permanent home is defined as having a discharge reason of adoption, guardianship, or reunification (including living with relative).	0.833	-0.232	
Of all children who exited foster care with a discharge reason of emancipation prior to their 18 th birthday or who reached their 18 th birthday while in foster care, what percent were in foster care for 3 years or longer?	-0.170	0.901	
Permanency Composite 4: Placement stability	Placement stability	Not applicable for composite	Not applicable for composite
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for (a) 8 days or longer and (b) less than 12 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	0.400		
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for at least 12 months but less than 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	0.421		
Of all children in foster care in FY 2004 who were in foster care for at least 24 months, what percent had two or fewer placement settings?	0.399		